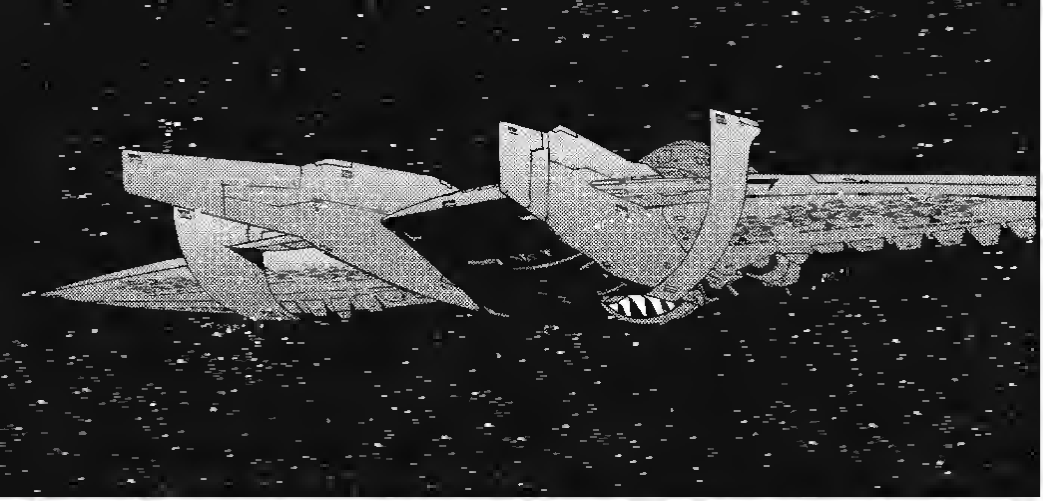
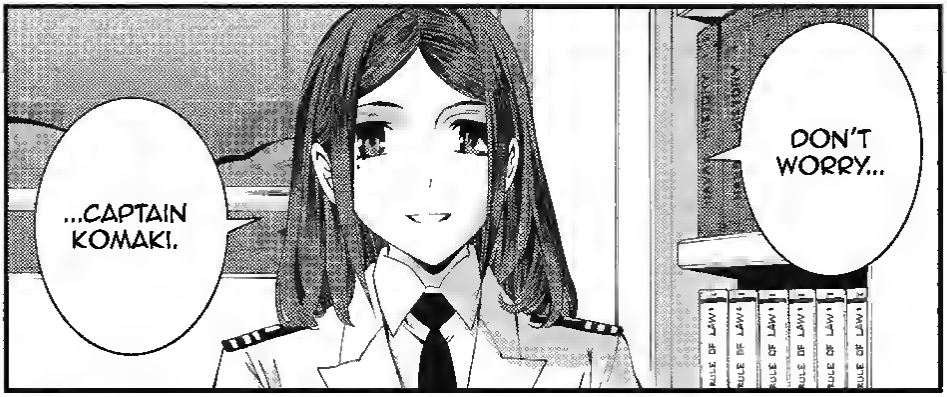
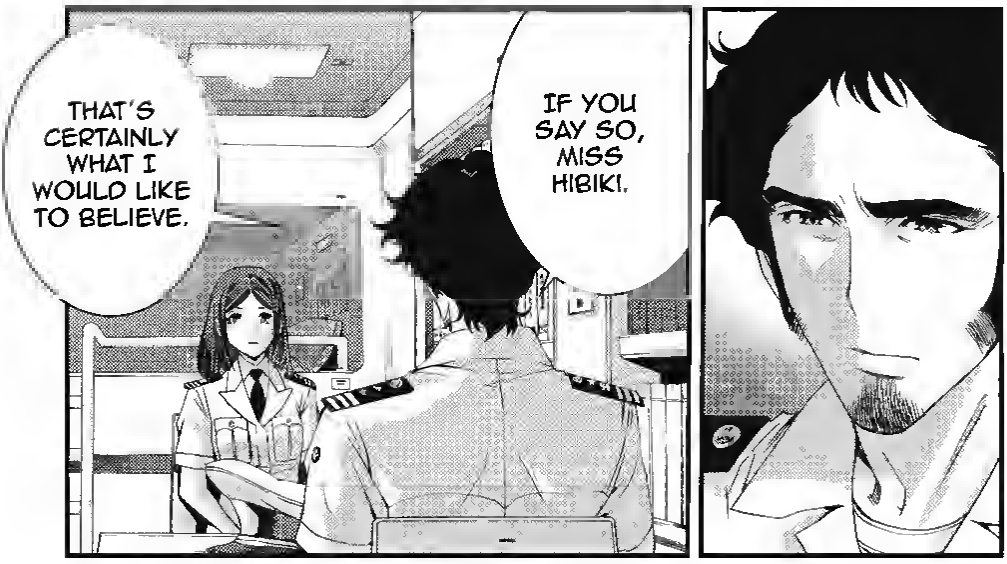
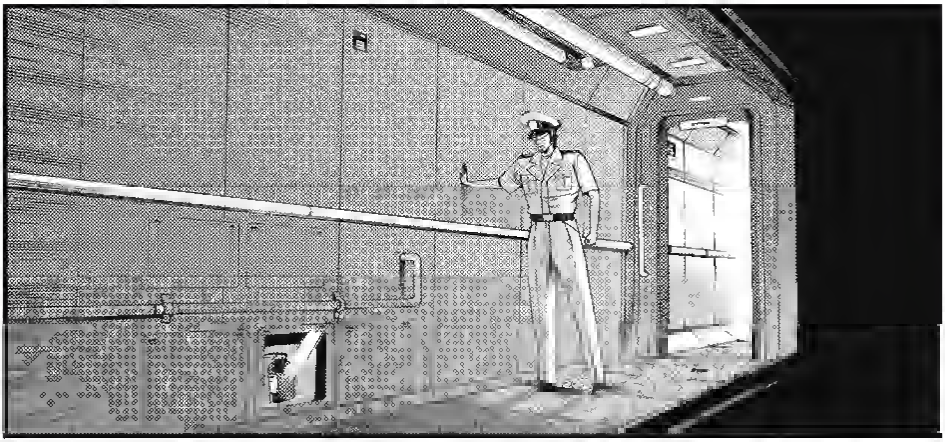


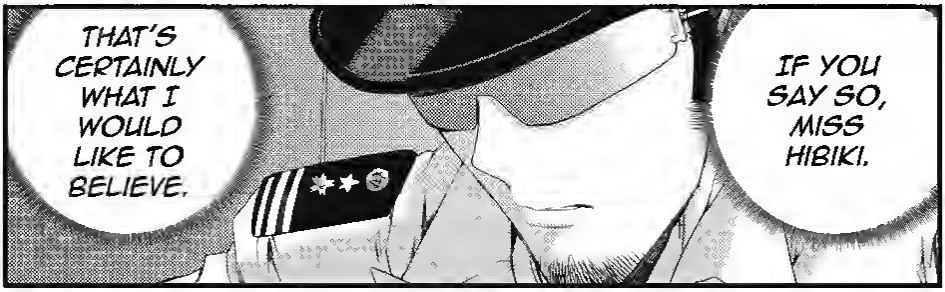

...CAPTAIN KOMAKI.
DON'T WORRY...
RULE OF LAW


THAT'S CERTAINLY WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO BELIEVE.
IF YOU SAY SO, MISS HIBIKI.

GUNZOU-KUN...
CAPTAIN CHIHAYA IS JUST FINE.
...
YEAH.
THANK YOU FOR TELLING ME PERSONALLY.
NOT AT ALL. I'LL TAKE MY LEAVE, THEN.
KLAT
THE OFFICER'S MEETING...
...WILL BE HELD IN THE OFFICER'S MESS AT 1430.
PSHOOM

ROGER.
PSHOOM
I'LL SEE YOU THEN.
GUNZOU-KUN WILL BE FINE.
THAT'S RIGHT.
HE'S NEVER LET ANYONE...
...DOWN BEFORE...
THAT BOY...

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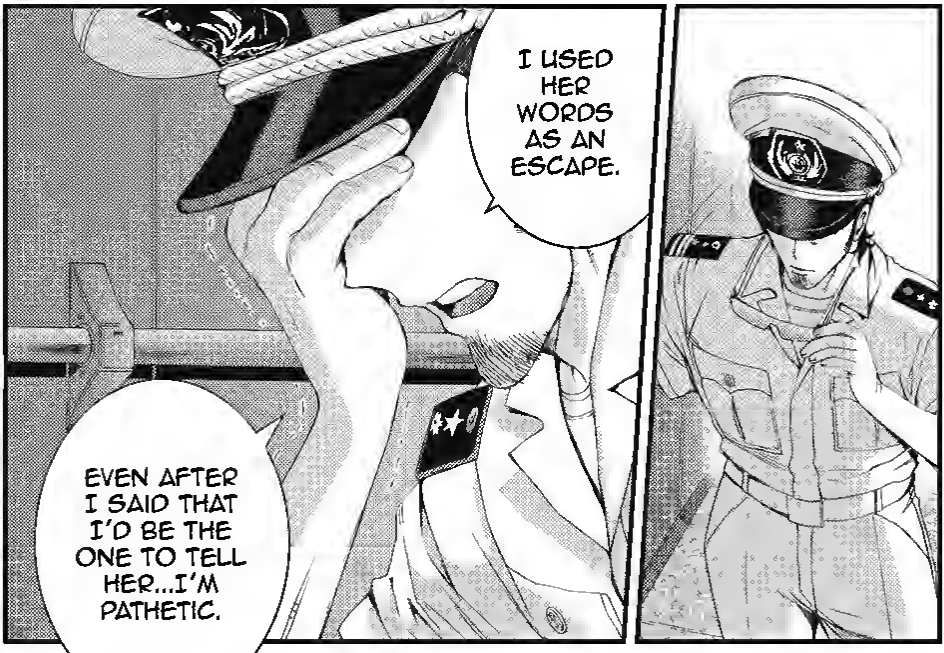
I USED HER WORDS AS AN ESCAPE.
EVEN AFTER I SAID THAT I'D BE THE ONE TO TELL HER...I'M PATHETIC.

I CAN'T EVEN...
...SUPPORT A SINGLE MEMBER OF MY CREW.
SIGH...
WHAT AM I DOING?
GROOORR
I'VE COME AS FAR NORTH AS BASCO ISLAND.

CLICK
WHAT WAS THAT, VAMPIRE?
WE'RE STILL CLOSE ENOUGH TO RETURN TO OUR DESIGNATED ZONE IF NECESSARY, SO IT'S FINE?
VAMPIRE, YOU...
I'LL SAY IT AGAIN.
THAT'S NOT REALLY THE ISSUE, IS IT?
YOU SENT THEM THE MESSAGE, RIGHT?
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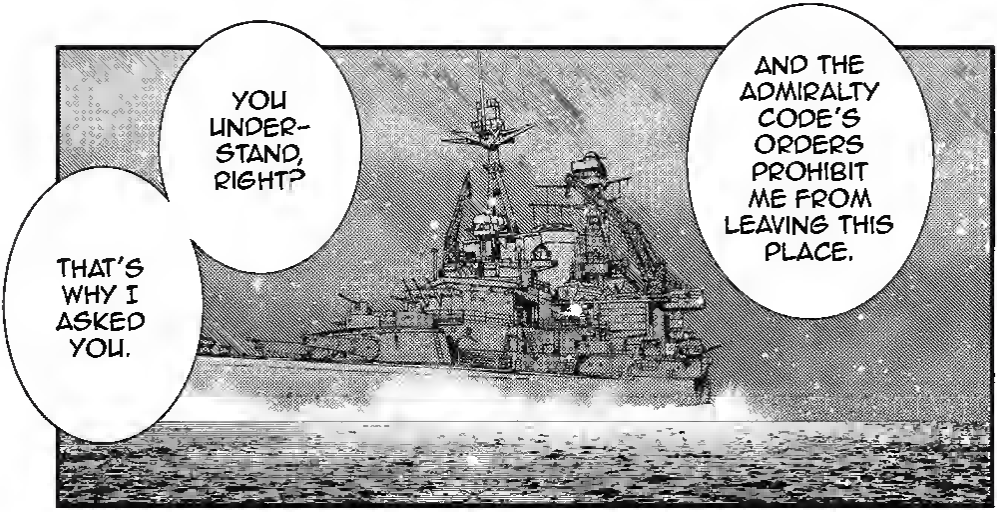
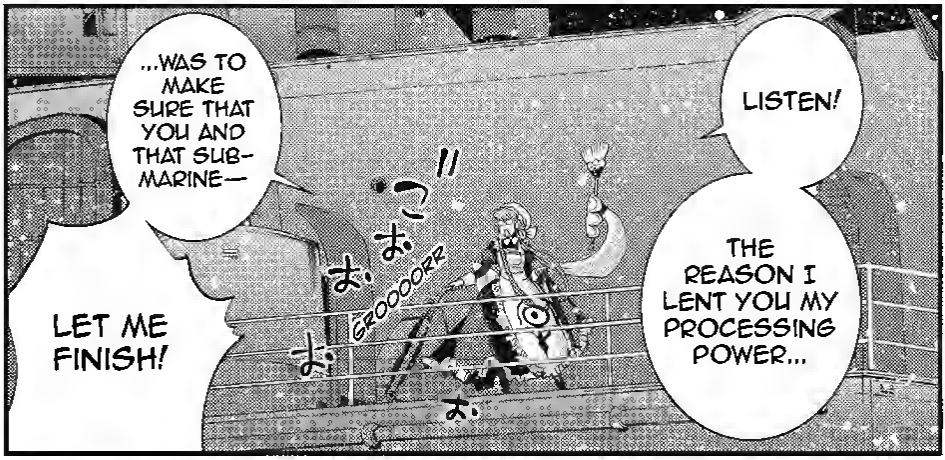
GROOOORR
CLICK
"STOP ASKING YOU THE SAME THING?"
HOW RUDE.
I'M WORRIED BECAUSE I KNOW YOU.


AND THE ADMIRALTY CODE'S ORDERS PROHIBIT ME FROM LEAVING THIS PLACE.
YOU UNDER-STAND, RIGHT?
THAT'S WHY I ASKED YOU.


LISTEN!
THE REASON I LENT YOU MY PROCESSING POWER...
...WAS TO MAKE SURE THAT YOU AND THAT SUB-MARINE—
LET ME FINISH!
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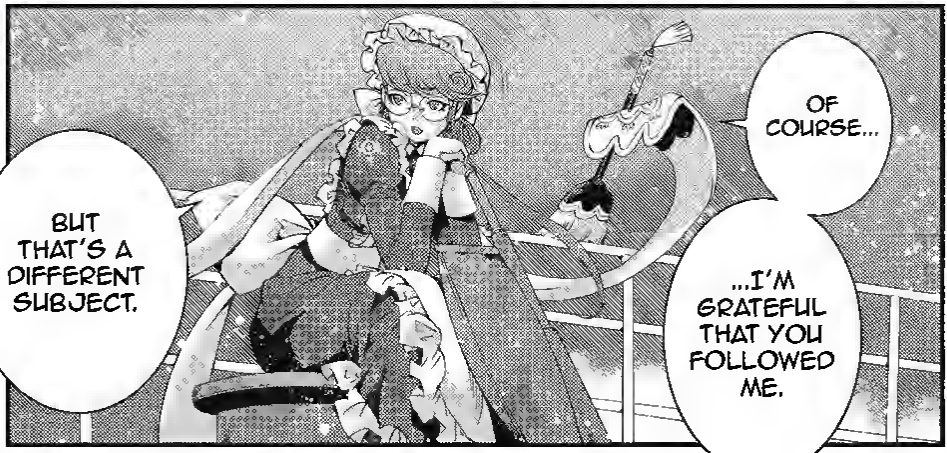
OF COURSE...
...I'M GRATEFUL THAT YOU FOLLOWED ME.
BUT THAT'S A DIFFERENT SUBJECT.

CLICK
I SAID, LISTEN TO ME!
YOU ALWAYS, ALWAYS, ALWAYS...
WELL, WHATEVER.
FOR NOW, KEEP AN EYE ON THAT SUB.
THAT'S RIGHT. YOU'RE NOT ESCORTING IT.
YOU'RE OBSERVING IT.
CLICK
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THE SUB DOESN'T COME HERE.

CLICK
IT'S NOT LIKE I FEEL OBLIGATED TO THEM OR ANYTHING!
IT WOULD BE A NUISANCE IF IT ENTERED MY SEA ZONE, RIGHT?
HEY! WAIT!
WAVE
WAVE
WHAT DO YOU MEAN I'M A PAIN IN THE BUTT?!
IS IT OKAY TO LET HER HANDLE IT?
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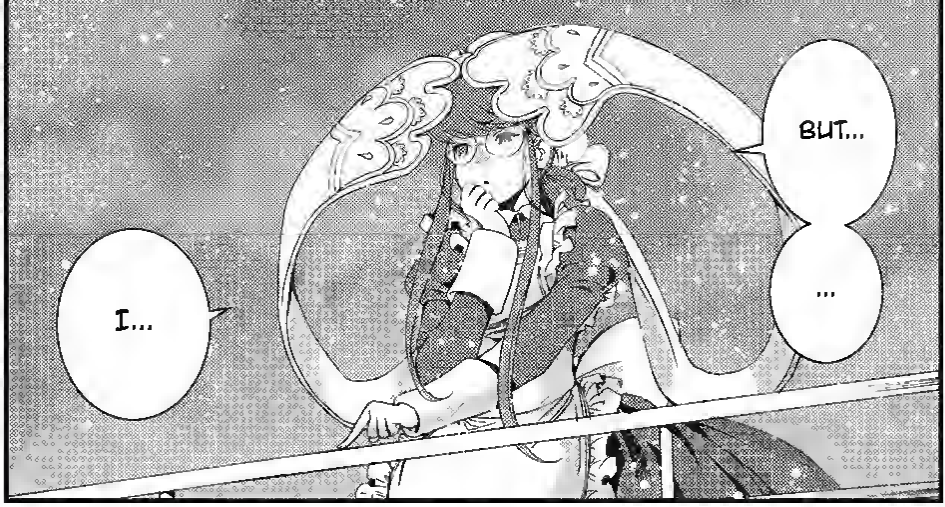
I...
BUT...
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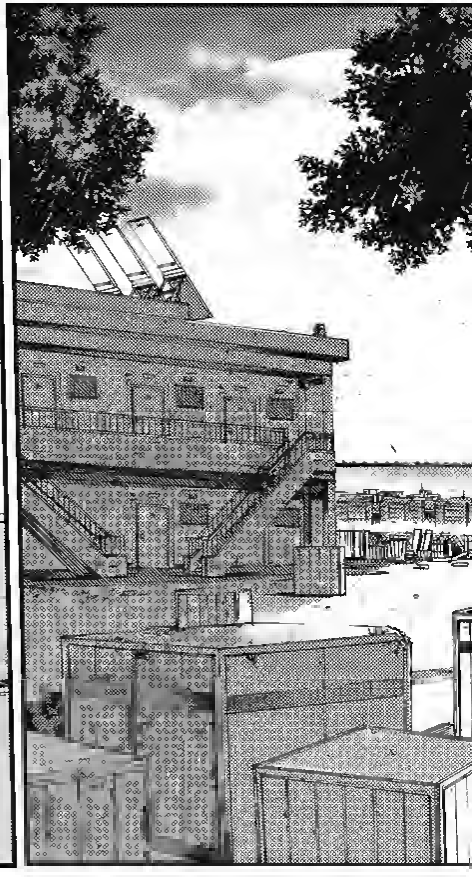
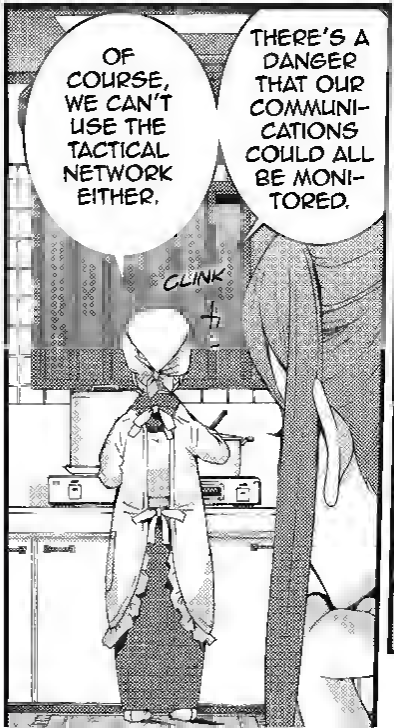
I'M BACK!

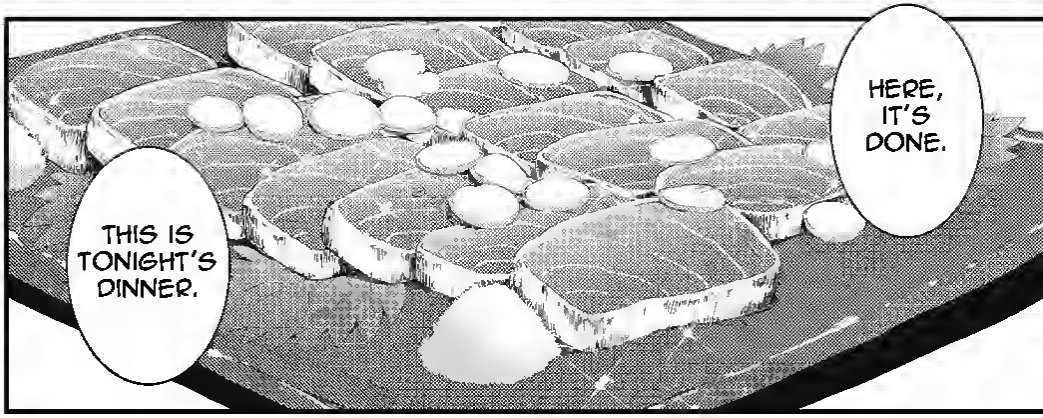


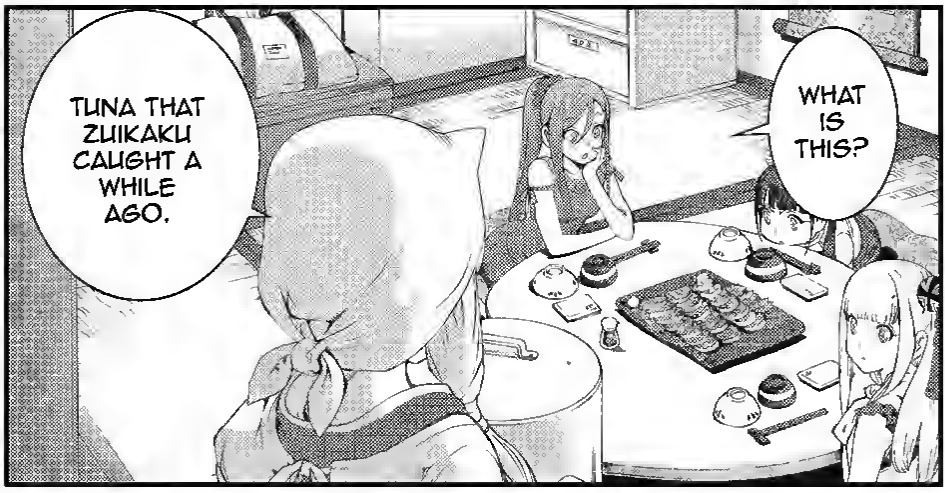
SO HOW'S IT LOOK?
WE'RE ALL CHECKING ON THE SITUATION.

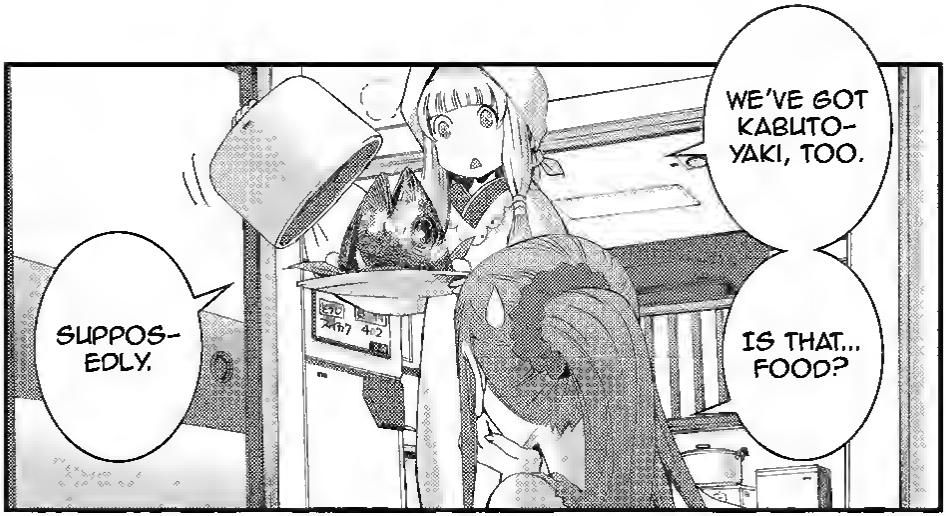

THERE'S A DANGER THAT OUR COMMUNI-CATIONS COULD ALL BE MONI-TORED.
OF COURSE, WE CAN'T USE THE TACTICAL NETWORK EITHER.
CLINK

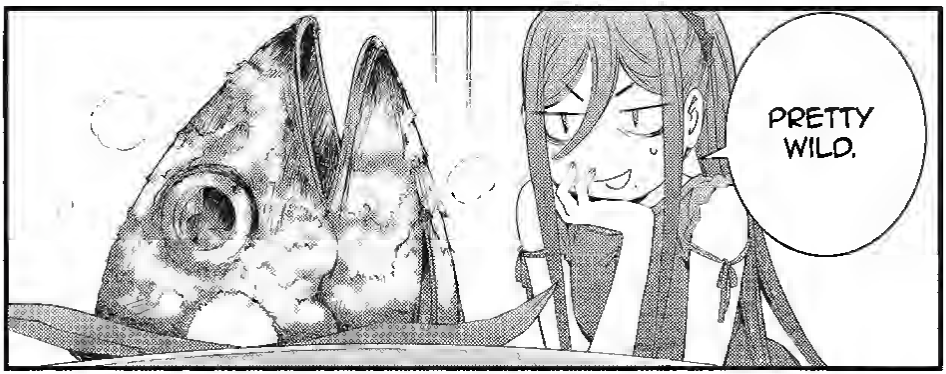
IT'S A HASSLE WHEN YOU HAVE TO DEAL WITH SOMEONE WHO'S JUST THE SAME AS YOU ARE.
I CAN'T BELIEVE WE EVEN HAVE TO MEET IN PERSON LIKE THIS.

IT'S FINE, ISN'T IT? IT'S VERY HUMAN.

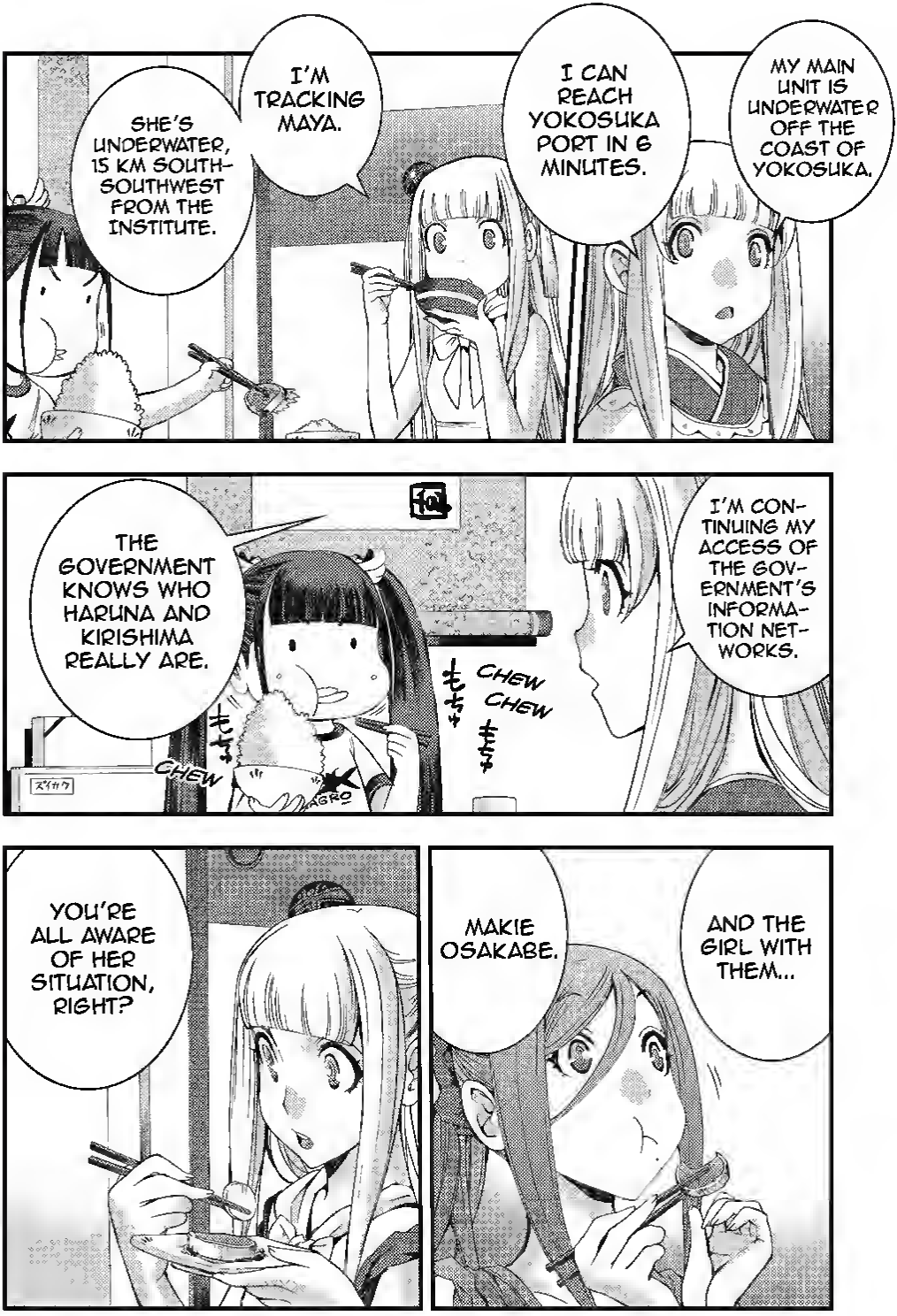

HERE, IT'S DONE.
THIS IS TONIGHT'S DINNER.


WHAT IS THIS?
TUNA THAT ZUIKAKU CAUGHT A WHILE AGO.


WE'VE GOT KABUTO-YAKI, TOO.
IS THAT... FOOD?
SUPPOS-EDLY.


PRETTY WILD.

I MOVED MY MAIN UNIT TO THE LOCATION WE DISCUSSED.
SO, WHAT'S THE SITU-ATION?
Let's Eat!


I'M TRACKING MAYA.
SHE'S UNDERWATER, 15 KM SOUTH-SOUTHWEST FROM THE INSTITUTE.
I CAN REACH YOKOSUKA PORT IN 6 MINUTES.
MY MAIN UNIT IS UNDERWATER OFF THE COAST OF YOKOSUKA.
THE GOVERNMENT KNOWS WHO HARUNA AND KIRISHIMA REALLY ARE.
CHEW
CHEW
CHEW
I'M CONTINUING MY ACCESS OF THE GOVERNMENT'S INFORMATION NETWORKS.
YOU'RE ALL AWARE OF HER SITUATION, RIGHT?
MAKIE OSAKABE.
AND THE GIRL WITH THEM...

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IS IT THAT GOOD?
...
IF MY TASTE BUD SIMULATORS ARE WORKING PROPERLY, THAT IS.
IT'S NOT BAD.
IT'S DELICIOUS!!

INDEED.
GINGER, WAS IT? I LIKE THIS FLAVOR.
WELL... GOOD.
I'LL CONTINUE MY REPORT. SO THE GOV-ERNMENT...
BFFFT!
...IS AWARE OF TAKAO'S IDENTITY, AND MINE, AS WELL.

WELL, I THINK IT'S TO BE EXPECTED.
ISN'T THAT BAD NEWS?
AND TAKAO...
YOUR FACE IS KNOWN FROM THE BATTLE WITH 401.
402 LOOKS JUST LIKE 401...
THE GOVERNMENT ISN'T STUPID, AFTER ALL.
I GUESS THAT'S TRUE.

IT WOULD'VE MADE THINGS A LOT EASIER.
WHY DIDN'T YOU CHANGE YOUR APPEAR-ANCE?
SHE SAYS IT WILL MAKE THE HUMANS LESS WARY OF US.
ORDERS FROM THE HIGH FLAGSHIP.
...I DON'T QUITE KNOW WHAT SHE'S GETTING AT.
SOME-TIMES...
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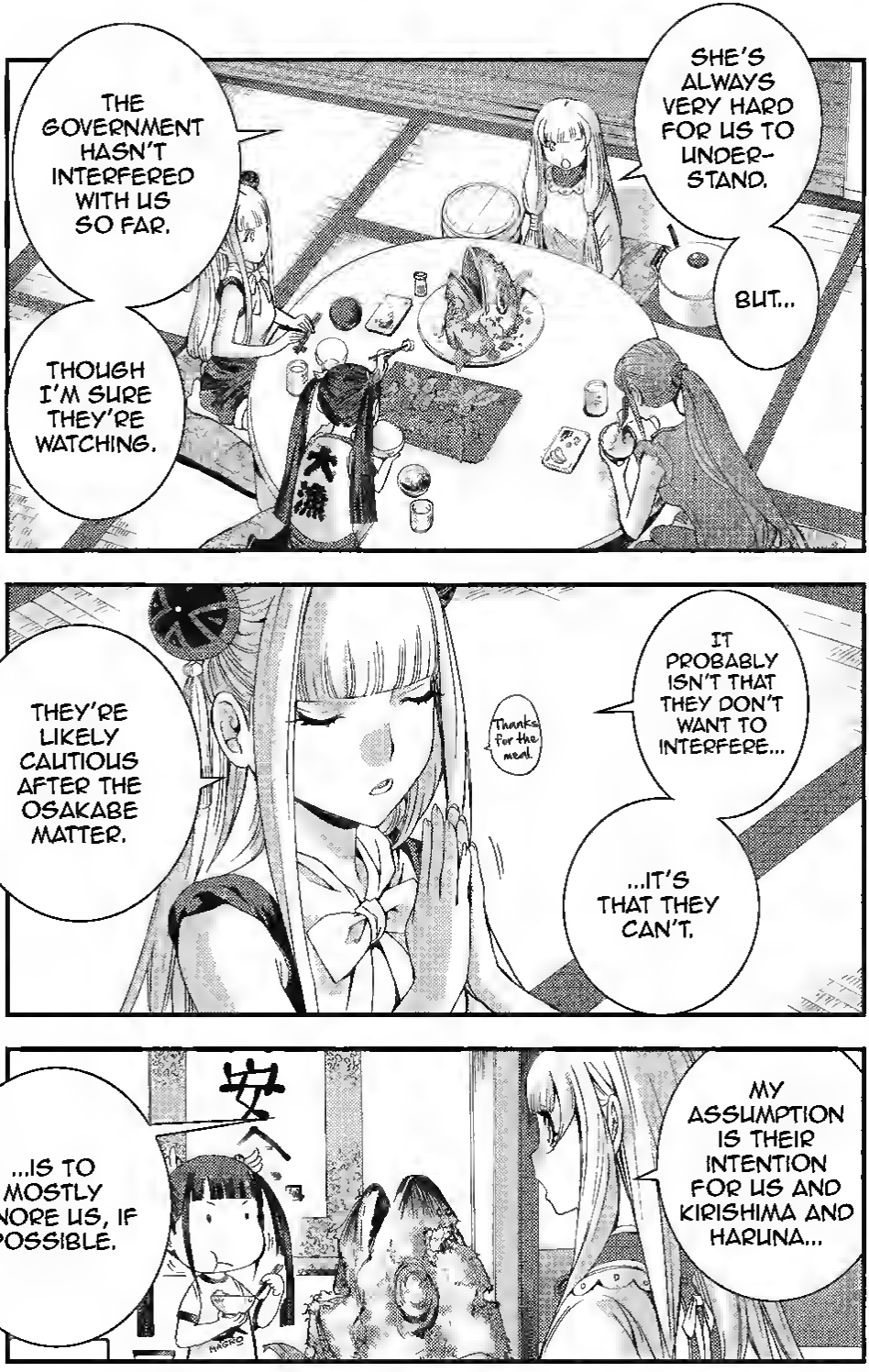
SHE'S ALWAYS VERY HARD FOR US TO UNDER-STAND.
BUT...
THE GOVERNMENT HASN'T INTERFERED WITH US SO FAR.
THOUGH I'M SURE THEY'RE WATCHING.
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IT PROBABLY ISN'T THAT THEY DON'T WANT TO INTERFERE...
...IT'S THAT THEY CAN'T.
Thanks for the meal.
THEY'RE LIKELY CAUTIOUS AFTER THE OSAKABE MATTER.
MY ASSUMPTION IS THEIR INTENTION FOR US AND KIRISHIMA AND HARUNA...
...IS TO MOSTLY IGNORE US, IF POSSIBLE.
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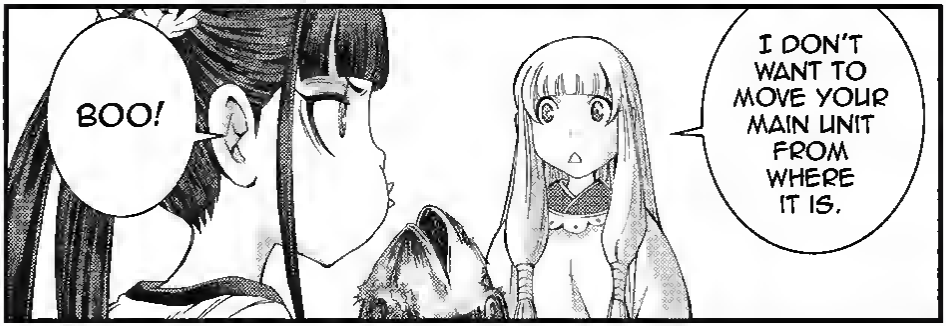
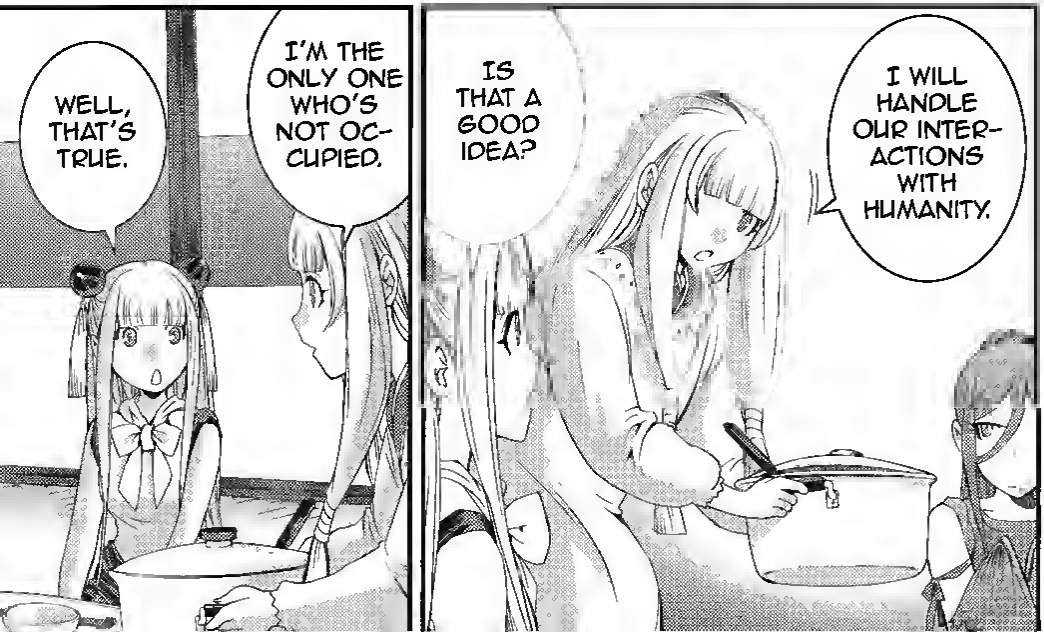
HASHO

OH, YOU MEAN IT'S WISHFUL THINKING.
AN EXPECTED VALUE?
...AN EXPECTED VALUE.
THIS IS, IN A SENSE...
SINCE THEY KNOW WHO WE ARE... I THINK IT'S TIME FOR US TO MAKE OUR MOVE ON HUMANITY.
YES, THAT'S RIGHT.
SO...
TAKAO, YOU WILL CONTINUE TO ATTEND SCHOOL AS YOU HAVE.
WHAT?

ZUIKAKU, YOU STAY HOME AND PLAY.
YOU CAN LEAVE, BUT NO CAUSING TROUBLE. NO FISHING FOR A WHILE.
AWWW!!!


I DON'T WANT TO MOVE YOUR MAIN UNIT FROM WHERE IT IS.
BOO!


I WILL HANDLE OUR INTER-ACTIONS WITH HUMANITY.
IS THAT A GOOD IDEA?
I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO'S NOT OC-CUPIED.
WELL, THAT'S TRUE.

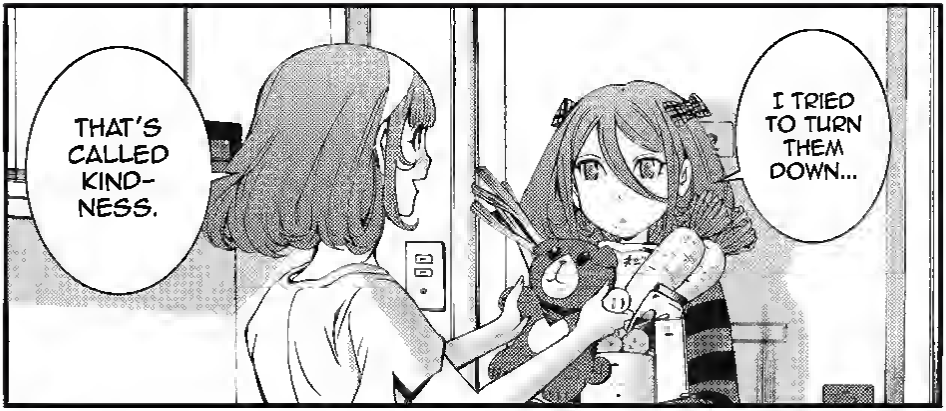
I'M GOING TO START TOMORROW.
SO, WHAT WILL YOU DO?
IT'S NOTHING THAT IMPORTANT.
?

I'LL LEAVE IT TO YOU.
YES.
THANK YOU FOR TRUSTING ME...
...SHINANO.

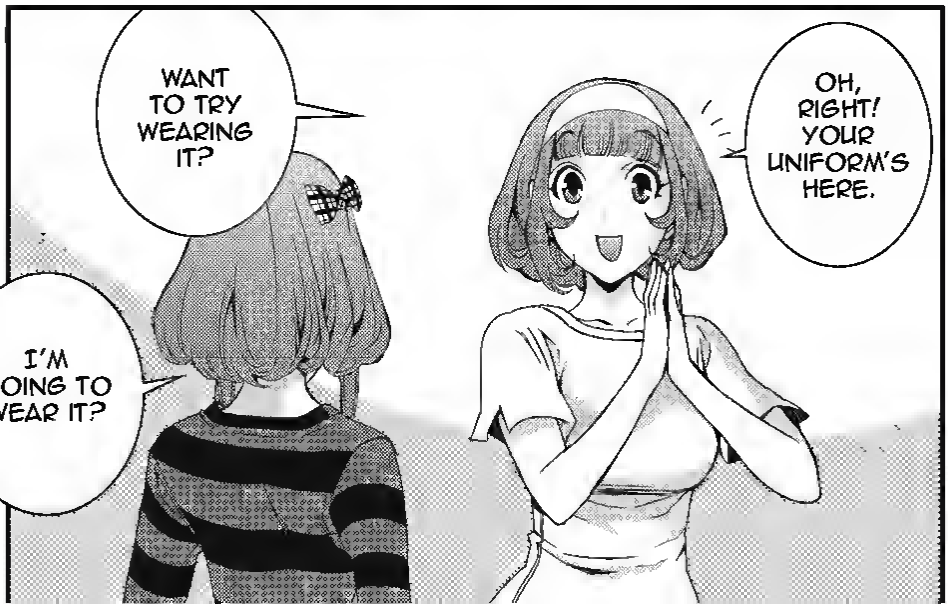
YOUR WORLD SEEMS SO FUN, BIG SIS YAMATO.
BIG SIS MUSASHI WILL UNDERSTAND SOON.
SHE HAS TO FIND HER OWN WORLD.
IT'S VERY IMPORTANT THAT SHE DOES.
I WANT TO FIND MY OWN WORLD, TOO.
YOU WILL SOON.

THE TIME WILL COME...
...WHETHER YOU WANT IT TO OR NOT.
THAT'S HOW IT WORKS, HUH?
IT IS INDEED.
SAFE VOYAGES, BIG SIS YAMATO.
SAFE VOYAGES TO YOU TOO, SHINANO.

I'M BACK!
WELCOME BACK!
SO HOW WAS IT?
YOUR FIRST TRIP INTO A HUMAN... TOWN...
THEY...
...GAVE ME A BUNCH OF STUFF.


I TRIED TO TURN THEM DOWN...
THAT'S CALLED KIND-NESS.

A LOT OF THIS ISN'T VERY USEFUL, BUT TAKE GOOD CARE OF IT.
THEY GAVE US WHATEVER THEY COULD MANAGE TO SPARE.


OH, RIGHT! YOUR UNIFORM'S HERE.
WANT TO TRY WEARING IT?
I'M GOING TO WEAR IT?

YOU CAN DO THAT BORING STUFF ONCE YOU'VE STARTED GOING TO SCHOOL.
I CAN JUST SCAN IT AND...
COME ON, COME ON.
OOH!

YOU TAKAO-CLASS REALLY ARE ADORABLE.
I'M GLAD I BROUGHT YOU.
T-THANK YOU...

OKAY! NOW THE HATS!
THE HATS?

I THINK YOU'RE EVEN CUTER THAN ME!

COME ON, COME ON!
HUH...?